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WHILE PARKING
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed February 1, 2005, Paper No./Mail Date 20050125, please consider the following.

The Examiner has required an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following patentably distinct species:

- I. Claims 1-6 and 41-46, wherein the controller controls air blowing through a surface of a seat;
- II. Claims 7-14, wherein the controller controls air blowing toward a steering means;

- III. Claims 15-20, wherein air blowing at a front side of a passenger compartment introduces outside air into the compartment;
- IV. Claims 21-26 wherein air blowing at a rear side of a passenger compartment exhausts outside air from the compartment;
- V. Claims 27-32, wherein the controller controls air blowing toward an instrument panel;
- VI. Claims 33-36, wherein the controller controls a plurality of ventilating portions according to the power level of a battery; and
- VII. Claims 37-40, wherein the controller controls the amount of sunlight incident into the passenger compartment.

Applicant, without traverse, respectfully requests the Examiner to proceed with Species I. Applicant believes that Claims 1-6 and 41-46 read on the elected species. Applicant requests that the non-elected Claims be held in abeyance for possible rejoinder and/or further prosecution in future divisional and/or continuation applications.


CONCLUSION

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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